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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the March 4, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified case, Applicants elect restriction Group I (claims 41 - 62) without prejudice to the eventual filing of divisional applications on restriction Groups II and III.

No fees are believed necessary to enter this response. If any fees are necessary, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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